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Of all the spiritual descendants of Karl Heinrich Marx, few could be as lunatic or pathetic as the more than 1,000 zealots who compose the National Caucus of Labor Committees. Formed seven years ago by disenchanted members of the Students for a Democratic Society, NCLC is led by Lyn Marcus, a 52-year-old white Marxist; complete credit for the group's bizarre philosophy and tactics belongs to (and is claimed by) him.

Last year NCLC concentrated on attacking, both verbally and physically, Communists and other leftist groups. This year it has widened its horizons—it is concentrating on saving the world, i.e., thwarting the schemes of Nelson Rockefeller and the Central Intelligence Agency to seize control of the world. Several months ago Marcus revealed that he had discovered the "CIA gang strategy": government agents are trying to unite ghetto youth gangs in order to incite "revolutionary guerrilla war against all whites." Soon the race war will begin, Marcus claims, and the way will be open for the military to seize control, crush the ghettos, and institute a fascistic dictatorship with Nelson Rockefeller at the helm.

Since all black liberation movements are nothing but Rockefeller-CIA plots (including the Black Liberation Army and the Symbionese Liberation Army), what should the black ghettos do? The NCLC suggests joining the NCLC, where blacks can be taught the correct way to revolt. Strange as it may seem, there are signs that, in Brooklyn's Bedford-Stuyvesant anyway, ghetto youth are doing just that. Recently the *Village Voice* reported that NCLC has become an active supporter of the Outlaws, the largest youth gang in Bedford-Stuyvesant. So far this year the group has provided \$16,350 in bail money for Outlaws arrested for everything from robbery to attempted murder, and New York police are said to have leads that show the NCLC may even be supplying the gang with guns.

Outlaw members have traveled to NCLC's Manhattan headquarters for instruction in political philosophy, Beethoven, and other approved subjects. But NCLC

leaders are the first to say their work isn't easy; they frankly discuss the problem they have changing gang members from "jungle bunnies to self-conscious class leaders." Says Lyn Marcus: "Something has got to be wrong in the ghetto when kids walk around in red suits and pink high-heeled shoes . . . and spend their time practicing the jungle boogie so they can be the baddest boogie in the jungle. . . . I tell these kids I don't want to talk to them until they're human."

NCLC members admit time is running out. Brainwashing specialists in the employ of Rockefeller and the CIA are everywhere. Within two to five years the battle for the U.S. will be won or lost. And some people worry about inflation.

BRIEFS. SDS had something of a campus resurgence this year. One of the group's biggest targets was "racist" urbanologist Edward Banfield. The evidence against Banfield was pretty damaging: he admits to advocating "removal of the minimum wage, arrests in the ghetto on 'probable cause,' and closely supervised housing projects." SDS has also joined with other leftists in a "Committee against Racism" whose purpose is to eliminate "academic freedom for racists." . . . Steven Weed, the lover of Patty Hearst in her girl-next-door stage, is planning a book. So far it's not known whether the book will be a general treatment of Tania's life or just a love story.